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SUBJECT: SOVIETS REPORT PRESS COMMENT ON BREZHNEV'S

**SPEECH** 

1. PRAVDA OF APRIL 8 CARRIES TASS ROUNDUP OF PRESS REACTIONS TO BREZHNEV'S VLADIVOSTOK SPEECH OF APRIL 7. EASTERN EUROPEAN NEWS AGENCIES ARE CITED STRESSING BREZHNEV'S DETERMINATION TO PURSUE DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT. UPI. AP AND REUTER ARE QUOTED AS REPORTING SOVIET DISSATIS-FACTION WITH U.S. DELAYS IN SALT AND WITH EFFORTS BY THE U.S. TO GAIN UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE TACTICS. REUTER, MOREOVER, IS SAID TO CARRY BREZHNEV'S ASSERTION THAT THE U.S. HAS NOT SHOWN THE WILL TO SEEK A "PRACTICAL SOLUTION" IN GENEVA. AP IS ALSO QUOTED CITING BREZHNEV'S OPPOSITION TO U.S. "PLANS FOR THE CREATION AND THE STATIONING OF NEUTRON WEAPONS IN EUROPE."

2. COMMENT: IT IS INTERESTING THAT WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES ARE CITED AS THE ONES CARRYING BREZHNEV'S COMMENTS CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICIES. IT IS IRONIC IN LIGHT OF THIS CRITICISM OF U.S. POLICY, MOREOVER, THAT TASS CARRIED ON APRIL 7 AN INTERVIEW WITH PAUL WARNKE GIVING A POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF SALT NEGOTIATIONS. TOON

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